

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The present amendment is provided to add claims to the pending claims in pending case in addition the claims which were added by the preliminary amendment in this case filed October 16, 2003.

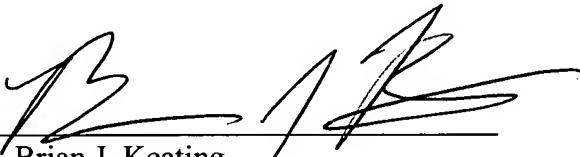
This is the third preliminary amendment filed in this case. The claims shown as new above are claims that are added to the claims that were previously added to this case in the preliminary amendment filed in this case on October 16, 2003. It should also be noted that a second preliminary amendment was filed in this case on December 17, 2003 with amendments to the specifications but it did not contain any amendments to the claims. Entry of the pending amendments in this case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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